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a way station on the Union Pacific road, without any considerable business with the surrounding country, and later the postoffice department, in revising the list of presidential postmasters, has reduced the office at Julesburg to the fourth class. Like the son of Phineas the son of Eli, the name of Julesburg might well be Ichabod, for "the glory has departed."

THE CONVENTION.
The constitutional convention of Montana, acting under and by authority of the act of congress approved February 22, 1889, assembled at noon yesterday in the court house in this city. It limited its labors on the first day of its session to the election of temporary officers, and adjourned until 1 p. m. to-day, when permanent officers will be chosen, and thereafter the necessary committees will be appointed and the convention begin upon the actual work of constitution-making.

At first glance the convention impresses the onlooker as being composed of a large part of untrained men, but a closer inspection reveals the fact that a large number of experienced parliamentarians whose influence will dominate the body. It is likely that the constitution will be more the work of twelve or fifteen men than of the seventy-five who compose the convention. The native good sense of the greater number may be relied upon, however, to second the labors of the more trained minds, and so there shall be prepared a fundamental law which shall be worthy of so great a state as Montana is destined to become. The absence of partisan acerbity in the proceedings thus far is a healthful symptom, which, it is to be hoped, will continue.

YESTERDAY'S street pageant in Helena in celebration of Independence day was a gratifying success, and reflected great credit upon the gentlemen who had the affair in charge, chief among whom is Col. Curtis, and upon the citizens who contributed to the festivity as well as to those who participated in the parade. The recollection of the day would have been most pleasurable but for the sad accident which occurred in the evening, whereby one family has been bereft of a promising child while in another home a young boy lies sorely injured. The casualties should teach the danger of careless handling of fireworks and suggest it, after all, there are no other means of celebrating the day, and that the more rational means of expressing sentiments of patriotism than by pyrotechnic displays.

The statement that a disease has broken out among the chinch bugs, which may themselves be termed in one sense a disease, is verification of what the philosophical satirist, Jonathan Swift, said:

"So, naturalists observe, a flea
Has smaller fleas than on his prey;
And these have smaller still to bite 'em;
And so proceed ad infinitum."

Another remarkable feature of his life was the firm tenure by which he held his influence over his own state. Thomas H. Benton, who, before, but not after, and imperious, was able to retain his seat in the United States senate for thirty years, but after that period of supremacy over the state of Missouri, he suffered the mortification of a defeat for the lower house of congress and lived to find none so poor to do him reverence. The first election of Simon Cameron to the senate occurred in the year 1845, and the last in 1871. He was old age gave him no rest, he turned his seat over to his son, quite as if he were a legal hereditary. The present generation at least must pass away before Pennsylvania will tire of delicately executing the will of Simon Cameron.

The deceased was unquestionably a man of rare ability and marvelous tact, and a sincere patriot. But it would be idle to assert that he was an American statesman. His methods were essentially demagogic and have tainted our politics to their great detriment. There is no reason to charge that he was wanting in integrity; his wealth removed him from the temptation to yield to the grosser forms of corruption, and the circumstances that attended his withdrawal from Lincoln's cabinet did not justify any suspicion that he was seeking personal gain. At the same time, his system of political management did not address itself to the triumph of principles or the establishment of policies, but to the selfish interest of man. The men interested in the vast iron industries of Pennsylvania knew that they had in him an efficient champion, and he could always command their support. True to his promises, faithful to his friends, he kept his army of followers recruited by letting it be understood that he had bounties to bestow, and that steadfast and unquestioning service would not fail of its reward.

Such methods of gaining an ill-winding political power are not admirable; they are mischievous, degrading and dangerous. They carry the germs of corruption, which have not failed to bear poisonous fruit. The sooner we are done with them the better; but they will not be uprooted without changes in our system that will not fail far from the propositions of a revolution.

The members of the congregations of the colored churches Bethel and St. John's M. E. of Newark, N. J., are very much exercised over a trick played upon them by a worthy but worldly deacon, Rev. Mr. Diggs, of the Bethel church, was trying to raise funds to build a new church, and the deacon suggested a classical entertainment. Mr. Diggs, with the idea and request of the Rev. Mr. Palmer, pastor of St. John's, the use of his church for the entertainment of the deacon proposed to furnish. Mr. Palmer gladly assented and promised that he would provide a portion of the stock would come and look on. The plan, but worldly deacon then went and engaged the Drury Operatic company and issued circulars announcing the entertainment. The church was crowded. There was a surprise in store, as the sisters and brothers realized when the curtain went up. A number of females scantily clad commenced a wild dance and ceased to kick heels in the role. Parsons Diggs and Palmer were astounded. Each gave orders to ring down the curtain, but the younger members insisted that the show should go on. A number of the audience left, but the presences remained to the close of the entertainment, demanding at times that the curtain should go down, but didn't enforce their commands. The congregation of all ages, and the pious brothers and sisters ask the resignation of their pastors, who they claim were in league with the worldly deacon, who got his percentage for getting the company the engagement.

TIME was when Julesburg occupied a very considerable space in the world's eye. In the days when the Union Pacific railway was being constructed it was more frequently mentioned in the newspapers than perhaps any other town in the west—not always to be sure, in a way to be proud of, but still so as to be forever in view. Now, however, it is simply

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